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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An open motor vehicle~~ Windbreak device for

~~an open motor vehicle, in whose comprising:~~

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a passenger cell including at least one vehicle seat having a backrest and

associated head restraint ~~is arranged, an~~ air outflow openings opening of an air-

³¹² distributing device being provided level ~~with the upper region~~ on at least one of

an upper narrow side and a lateral outer narrow side of the backrest in order to

reduce undesirable draughts for ~~the~~ a vehicle occupant, wherein the air-

distributing device is integrated in the backrest and is supported directly by the

latter.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

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according to Claim 1, wherein a fan connected upstream of the air-distributing device is integrated in the backrest.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

according to Claim 1, wherein the air-distributing device is assigned at least one heating element for heating ~~the~~ an air flow.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

according to Claim 4 1, wherein the air outflow ~~openings are~~ opening is

orientated in such a manner that the air flow flows out essentially in a transverse direction of the vehicle.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

~ according to Claim 1, wherein the vehicle seat has, at least in an upper region of the backrest, a covering which is provided with air outflow openings, is made of perforated textile or plastic material or perforated leather and through which the airflows provided by the air-distributing device emerge.

~ 7. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

~ according to Claim 1, wherein a wind shield is integrated in the backrest of the vehicle seat and is supported directly by the latter.

~ 8. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

~ according to Claim 7, wherein the wind shield can be extended and lowered, the lifting and lowering movement thereof being coupled in terms of movement to that of the head restraint.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Windbreak device~~ The open motor vehicle

~ according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of rows of seats having two vehicle seats each is arranged in the passenger cell of the motor vehicle, a separate air-distributing device being integrated into respective backrests of each seat in each row.

10. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly comprising:

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an air-distributing device supported in the backrest and having an air outflow ~~openings in an upper region~~ opening on at least one of an upper narrow side and a lateral outer narrow side of the backrest for reducing undesirable air draughts for a vehicle seat occupant during use of the vehicle seat assembly in an open motor vehicle.

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317 11. (Original) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 10, wherein a fan connected upstream of the air-distributing device is integrated in the backrest.

Coemer et al 12. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 10, wherein the air-distributing device is assigned at least one ^{*318*} heating element for heating ~~the~~ an air flow.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 13
✓ 10, wherein the ~~air outflow openings include~~ air-distributing device includes
~~openings~~ an opening in said ~~broad side~~ a front side of the backrest.

17. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly according to
✓ Claim 10, wherein the backrest has a covering in its upper region which is air
permeable to form said outflow ~~openings~~ opening.

18. (Original) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 17, wherein
✓ said covering is made of perforated leather.

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✓ 19. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 14
17, wherein said covering is made of perforated plastic.

✓ 20. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 14
17, wherein said covering is made of textile fabric.

✓ 21. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat assembly according to
Claim 10, further comprising:

a headrest disposed above the backrest, and

a wind shield disposed behind the headrest and an upper part of the
backrest.

22. (Original) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said headrest is supported for adjusting movement at the backrest.

23. (Original) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 21, wherein the wind shield is supported at the backrest.

24. (Original) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 21, wherein said wind shield is of a size sufficient to protrude laterally of portions of both the headrest and the backrest.

25. (Original) A vehicle seat assembly according to Claim 21, wherein the wind shield can be extended and lowered, the lifting and lowering movement thereof being coupled in terms of movement to that of the head restraint.

26. (Currently Amended) A vehicle assembly with at least one vehicle seat assembly in a passenger cell, each vehicle seat assembly comprising:

a backrest, and

an air-distributing device supported in the backrest and having ³¹²an air outflow ~~openings in an upper region~~ opening on at least one of an upper narrow side and a lateral outer narrow side of the backrest for reducing undesirable air draughts for a vehicle seat occupant during use of the vehicle seat assembly in an open motor vehicle.

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Lush* 27. (Original) A vehicle assembly according to Claim 26, wherein a fan connected upstream of the air-distributing device is integrated in the backrest.

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Lush* 28. (Currently Amended) A vehicle assembly according to Claim 26, wherein the air-distributing device is assigned at least one ³¹⁷ heating element for heating ~~the~~ an air flow.

n 29. (Original) A vehicle assembly according to Claim 26, each vehicle seat assembly further comprising:

a headrest disposed above the backrest, and

a wind shield disposed behind the headrest and an upper part of the backrest.

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Lush* 30. (Original) A vehicle assembly according to Claim 26, comprising a plurality of said vehicle seat assemblies disposed side by side in a row

31. (Currently Amended) A vehicle assembly according to Claim 26, comprising a plurality of said seat assemblies, with at least two of said seat assemblies per row of seat assemblies and a plurality of rows of seat assemblies disposed behind one another ~~in a driving direction of the vehicle.~~

n 32. (Currently Amended) A vehicle assembly according to Claim 29, comprising a plurality of said seat assemblies, with at least two of said seat

assemblies per row of seat assemblies and a plurality of rows of seat assemblies disposed behind one another ~~in a driving direction of the vehicle.~~

33. (New) A method of reducing a swirling of air in a vicinity of an upper body of an occupant in an open motor vehicle, comprising the steps of:

flowing air from an air-distributing device supported in a backrest of a vehicle seat assembly of the open motor vehicle from an air outflow opening on at least one of an upper narrow side and a lateral outer narrow side of the backrest to the vicinity of the upper body of the occupant; and

reducing the swirling of air in the vicinity of the upper body of the occupant by the air flowing from the air-distributing device.

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cont. = 34. (New) An open motor vehicle, comprising:

a passenger cell including at least one vehicle seat having a backrest and associated head restraint, air outflow openings of an air-distributing device being provided level with an upper region of the backrest in order to reduce undesirable draughts for a vehicle occupant, wherein the air-distributing device is integrated in the backrest and is supported directly by the latter;

wherein a plurality of rows of seats having two vehicle seats each is arranged in the passenger cell of the motor vehicle, a separate air-distributing device being integrated into respective backrests of each seat in each row.

35. (New) A vehicle assembly with at least one vehicle seat assembly in a passenger cell, each vehicle seat assembly comprising:

a backrest, and

an air-distributing device supported in the backrest and having air outflow openings in an upper region of the backrest for reducing undesirable air draughts for a vehicle seat occupant during use of the vehicle seat assembly in an open motor vehicle;

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Ent and further comprising a plurality of said seat assemblies, with at least two of said seat assemblies per row of seat assemblies and a plurality of rows of seat assemblies disposed behind one another.
